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SUBJECT: RELEASED US CITIZEN PRISONERS.

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1. REGRET UNABLE REACH YOU BY TELEPHONE. REFTEL A PROVIDES
INFORMATION RE TWO US CITIZENS RELEASED FROM BAALBECK PRISON.

2. COWLES AND CONNOLLY NOW INFORM US THAT THEIR CONTACTS MAY
BE ABLE DELIVER THEM ACROSS SYRIAN BORDER TO YOUR DOORSTEP. THEY WILL,

OF COURSE, BE ILLEGAL ENTRANTS TO SYRIA. WHAT PROBLESM WOULD THIS
PRESENT?

3. WE ARE SATISFIED THEY ARE US CITIZENS. ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY
PASSPORTS AT YOUR OFFICE WOULD PROBABLY BE NO REPEAT NO PROBLEM. COULD

YOU MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR THEIR DEPARTURE FROM SYRIA DESPITE LACK OF
LEGAL ENTRY? OR, WOULD THEY FACE IMPRISONMENT IN SYRIA FOR ILLEGAL
ENTRY?

4. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF SCS TRUST DEPOSIT
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\$650 FOR COWLES. IF COWLES DOES GO TO SYRIA WE WILL, OF COURSE,

REQUEST TRANSFER OF DEPOSIT TO YOU. WILL \$650 BE SUFFICIENT FOR
DAMASCUS TO SAN FRANCISCO TRAVEL PLUS INCIDENTALS INCLUDING PASSPORT
FEE?

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
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